

**SUMMARIZED MINUTES
SCOTTSDALE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
STUDY SESSION**



**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2005
KIVA CONFERENCE ROOM – CITY HALL
3939 N. DRINKWATER BOULEVARD
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA 85251**

CALL TO ORDER

The study session of the Scottsdale Transportation Commission was called to order by Chairman Gilliland at 5:23 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chairman Mark Gilliland
Vice-Chairman Brian Davis
Commissioner Michael Bruz
Commissioner William Howard
Commissioner Kelly McCall
Commissioner Matthew Taunton

ABSENT: Commissioner J. David Hill

STAFF PRESENT: Debra Astin, Transit Manager
Harriett Fortner, Transportation Secretary
Teresa Huish, Principal Transportation Planner
Dave Meinhart, Transportation Planning and Transit Director
Mary O'Connor, Transportation General Manager
Paul Porell, Traffic Engineering Director

2. QUESTIONS REGARDING TONIGHT'S REGULAR MEETING AGENDA / COMMENTS

- Transportation Master Plan
- Loop 101 HOV Study

Commissioner Taunton commented that despite all of the HOV improvements funded by Proposition 400, there is no direct access to or from the HOV lanes. This will cause HOV motorists to weave through traffic, specifically around the Airpark and at freeway-to-freeway interchanges. He wondered to whom that comment should be directed. Mr. Porell said that is a decision for MAG.

A discussion ensued about HOV lanes and Park and Rides. Commissioner Taunton said that the whole question needs to be re-evaluated.

Commissioner Taunton suggested that it would be helpful to have a copy of the Streets Master Plan or a street classification map kept in the conference room for reference. Commissioner Howard suggested staff might make up a loose-leaf binder with a current set of street classifications. Mr. Meinhart said that plans do not change often. However as work progresses on the Transportation Master Plan, Commissioner Howard's idea would be helpful.

Ms. Huish talked about the Transportation Master Plan process, noting that there will be future updates as the process continues. Staff has been in contact with the identified stakeholders. All meetings will be open to the public and focus groups are planned. Mr. Meinhart added that the team is doing extensive outreach and there will be many ways for people to get involved.

Ms. O'Connor stressed that the Community Working Group is not a steering committee and does not take the place of any work done by the Commission. Rather, it is a way to obtain feedback from organized stakeholder groups. In response to a question from Chairman Gilliland, Ms. Huish said she is looking for two Commissioners to attend the meetings. Ms. Huish said they have to be careful with how many experts come to meetings because this can inhibit people from participating. Ms. Huish does not anticipate that this group will have a chairperson.

Ms. O'Connor noted that the public input process is still being crafted. This group is for feedback and the Commission has oversight over the process. She noted that while the newspaper is highly focused on Chaparral Road, others are watching with different focuses. Commissioner Howard wanted to be sure the process is done with integrity.

Commissioner Taunton suggested that a website address could be posted at the bottom of the variable message boards on the arterial roads. This could be a form of outreach. This was done for the Open Houses about photo radar.

- Current Transportation Project Updates

Ms. O'Connor said the last neighborhood traffic management focus group was completed today with a meeting with public involvement professionals, Paul Basha, who has an on-call contract to provide neighborhood traffic management support, is preparing some research for presentation at the January 2006 meeting of the Commission, as an item for information or possible action.

3. **BYLAWS REVIEW AND UPDATE**

Ms. O'Connor noted that the City Clerk requested that boards and commissions update their bylaws over the next six months. In fact, the Transportation Commission recently updated its bylaws. The City Attorney's office recommends changing the older language in the bylaws, which is very strict about the use of Robert's Rules of Order. The Commission also needs to check on the last modification made regarding the timing of election of officers, and to look at the ordinance, which the Commission did not review last time. She said staff would

send copies of the ordinance out to Commission members for their review and discussion at a later study session. If Commissioners decide to recommend any changes, that would have to be on the agenda of a subsequent regular meeting.

4. **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to discuss, the study session of the Scottsdale Transportation Commission adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
A/V Tronics, Inc.

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